

§ 1944.529 Project selection.

(a) Projects must meet the following criteria:

(1) Provide a program of supervisory assistance as defined in § 1944.506(h), and

(2) Serve areas with a concentration of substandard housing and low-income and low-income minority households.

(b) In addition to the items listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the following criteria will be considered in the selection of grant recipients:

(1) The extent to which the project serves areas with concentrations of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 single family housing loan borrowers who are delinquent in their housing loan payments and/or threatened with foreclosure.

(2) The capability and past performance demonstrated by the applicant in administering its programs.

(3) The effectiveness of the current efforts by the applicant to assist low-income families in obtaining adequate housing.

(4) The extent to which the project will provide or increase the delivery of housing resources to low-income and low-income minority families in the area who are not currently occupying adequate housing.

(5) The services the applicant will provide that are not presently available to assist low-income families in obtaining or maintaining occupancy of adequate housing and the extent of duplication of technical and supervisory assistance activities currently provided for low-income families.

(6) The extent of citizen and local government participation and involvement in the development of the preapplication and project.

(7) The extent of planned coordination with other Federal, State, or local technical and/or supervisory assistance programs.

(8) The extent to which the project will make use of other financial and contributions-in-kind resources for both technical and supervisory assistance and housing development and supporting facilities.

(9) Any comments received in accordance with 7 CFR part 3015 subpart V, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Agriculture Programs and Ac-

tivities." See FmHA Instruction 1940-J, available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office.

(10) The extent to which the project will be cost effective, including but not limited to the ratio of personnel to be hired by the applicant to the cost of the project, the cost, both direct and indirect, per person benefiting from the project, and the expected benefits to low-income families from the project.

(11) The extent to which the proposed staff and salary ranges, including qualifications, experience, proposed hiring schedule and availability of any prospective employees, will meet the objectives of the proposed TSA program.

(12) The anticipated capacity of the applicant to implement the proposed time schedule for starting and completing the TSA program and each phase thereof.

(13) The adequacy of the records and practices, including personnel procedures and practices, that will be established and maintained by the applicant during the term of the agreement.

(c) Among the projects proposed by private nonprofit entities, preference will be given to sponsored applicants.

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§ 1944.530 [Reserved]**§ 1944.531 Applications submission.**

(a) Upon notification that the applicant has been tentatively selected for funding, the State Office will forward to the applicant a signed Form AD-622 and provide SF 424.1 with instructions to the applicant for preparation of an application.

(b) Upon receipt of Form AD-622, the applicant will submit an application in an original and 2 copies on Form SF 424.1, and provide whatever additional information is requested to the District Office within 30 days.

(c) Upon receipt of an application on SF 424.1 by the District Office, a docket shall be assembled which will include the following:

(1) Form SF 424.1 and the information submitted in accordance with § 1944.526(a)(2).

(2) Form AD-622.

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(3) Any comments received in accordance with 7 CFR part 3015 subpart V, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities." See FmHA Instruction 1940-J, available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office.

(4) SF 424.1.

(5) OGC legal determination made pursuant to § 1944.526(c)(3).

(6) Grant Agreement.

(7) Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds."

(8) Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement."

(9) Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."

(10) Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-20, "Request for Environmental Information."

(11) Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-22, "Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions," Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-21, "Environmental Assessment for Class I Actions" or exhibit H, subpart G of part 1940 entitled, "Environmental Assessment for Class II Actions."

(12) The historical and archaeological assessment.

(13) The detailed budget for the agreement period based upon the needs outlined in the proposal and the comments and recommendations by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

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§ 1944.532 [Reserved]

§ 1944.533 Grant approval and announcement.

Grant approval and announcement will be accomplished under the following procedure. The Administrator may modify this section if necessary to obligate funds in a timely and efficient manner.

(a) The District Office will review the docket to determine whether the appli-

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cation complies with these regulations and is consistent with the information and supporting documents submitted with the preapplication and any comments and recommendations of the State and National Offices.

(b) If major problems occur during the development of the docket, the District Office will call upon the State Office for assistance.

(c) If a grant is recommended, Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-1 and the Grant Agreement will be prepared by the District Office and forwarded to the applicant for signature as authorized in its authorizing resolution. Exhibit A, Grant Agreement, is a part of these regulations.

(d) When Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-1 and the Grant Agreement are received from the applicant and signed by the applicant, the docket will be forwarded to the State Director.

(e) Exhibit A to FmHA Instruction 2015-C (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office) will be prepared and sent to the Director of Information in the National Office.

(f) If the State Director approves the project, the following actions will be taken in the order listed:

(1) The State Director, or the State Director's designee, will telephone the Finance Office Check Request Station requesting that grant funds for a particular project be obligated. Immediately after contacting the Finance Office, the requesting official will furnish the requesting office's security identification code. Failure to furnish the security code will result in the rejection of the request for obligation. After the security code is furnished, the required information from Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1940-1 will be furnished to the Finance Office. Upon receipt of the telephone request for obligation of funds, the Finance Office will record all information necessary to process the request for obligation in addition to the date and time of the request.

(2) The individual making the request will record the date and time of the request and sign section 37 of Form